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BATTALION-SIZED BIVOUAC
EL MARTILLO MILITARY BARRACKS AREA, NICARAGUA (SWN/NF)

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1. SIGNIFICANCE: A BATTALION-SIZED BIVOUAC, UNUSUAL IN NICARAGUA, WAS IDENTIFIED NEAR MANAGUA. (SWN)

 2. REMARKS: A BATTALION-SIZED BIVOUAC HAS BEEN ERECTED ON A RECENTLY CLEARED AREA CONTIGUOUS TO EL MARTILLO MILITARY BARRACKS AREA SINCE [REDACTED] THE BIVOUAC, APPROXIMATELY 8 NM NORTHWEST OF MANAGUA, CONSISTED OF 32 TENTS. AT LEAST 15 WERE PERSONNEL TENTS, EACH APPROXIMATELY 40 FEET IN LENGTH. A PROBABLE MESS AREA WITH THREE PROBABLE FIELD KITCHENS AND NINE TENTS AND A PROBABLE ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT AREA WITH EIGHT TENTS WAS IMMEDIATELY EAST OF THE PERSONNEL AREA. PORTIONS OF THE PROBABLE MESS AREA AND THE ADMINISTRATION/SUPPORT AREA WERE DELINEATED BY WHITE LINES ON THE GROUND. THE ENTIRE AREA WAS PARTIALLY FENCE-SECURED. ONE MEDIUM CARGO TRUCK WAS PRESENT. PREPARATIONS, PROBABLY FOR ADDITIONAL STRUCTURES/TENTS, WERE OBSERVED. (SWN/NF)
- ANALYST'S COMMENTS -- THIS IS THE FIRST BATTALION-SIZED BIVOUAC OBSERVED ON IMAGERY IN NICARAGUA. THE PURPOSE OF THE BIVOUAC IS NOT KNOWN, BUT COULD BE RELATED TO NICARAGUA'S ACCELERATED MILITARY RECRUITMENT AND INDUCTION IN REACTION TO THE U.S. INTERVENTION IN GRENADA. (SWN)
- [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] COORDINATES 12-12-15N 086-23-25W (S)

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